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CORRUPTION IN ARMY
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of the widely prevalent corruption in the Army;

(b) if so, whether the Government proposes to formulate any code of conduct to root out corruption in the Army; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

(a) to (c): Indian Army is governed by the Army Act, 1950, which has provisions to control corruption and indiscipline in the Indian Army. Further, there is a well-defined Procurement Procedure with built-in checks and balances. For ensuring high levels of transparency in defence deals/purchases, Government have issued orders, in consultation with the Central Vigilance Commission (CVC), for mandatory and time-bound scrutiny of all major procurement/purchase decisions (worth Rs.75 crores and above), by the Comptroller & Auditor General (C&AG) and, where necessary, by the CVC. Wherever the Government deems it necessary, the case is referred to the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI).